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SUBJECT: KIM DONG-JO'S RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONS

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1. WHILE I AM PREPARED TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REF B, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THAT I BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING A RADICAL ERROR IN OUR TACTICS TO ELICIT INFORMATION FROM KIM DONG-JO. I DO NOT EXPECT KIM TO NAME "NEW NAMES" UNLESS HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT COLLEAGUES SEE CLEAR NEED TO PROVIDE THEM. THUS I HAVE CONSISTENTLY URGED THAT WE USE ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US TO PROD OR FORCE AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE FROM KIM DONG-JO. EXHORTATIONS TO COME CLEAN AND PREDICTIONS OF DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO DO SO WILL NOT SUFFICE. WITHOUT SUPPORTING INFORMATION SUCH TACTICS WILL BE VIEWED HERE AS BLUFF AND BLUSTER.

2. DESPITE THE POWERFUL FACTORS WHICH ARE AT WORK HERE TO KEEP COVERED EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE KEPT COVERED, I AM ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE KOREANS DO WANT THIS AFFAIR TO END WELL NOW THAT IT IS BEGUN AND WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO PITFALLS WHICH ARE POINTED OUT TO THEM.

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3. THUS I PROPOSE THAT I BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FORMIN TO INFORM HIM THAT SINCE DELIVERING THE CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES I HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION. (I BELIEVE HE WOULD LINK PROVISION OF BACK-UP MATERIAL TO RECENT VISIT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AND I WOULD LET HIM DRAW SUCH A CONCLUSION.)

4. I WOULD PROPOSE TO TELL THE FORMIN ABOUT THE POLYGRAPH TEST ON LEE AND CONGRESSMAN WINN'S CONFIRMATION OF DEALINGS WITH IM DONG-JO. I WOULD ALSO TELL HIM WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ONE OR ALL OF THE 20 CONGRESSMEN WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE RECEIVED MONEY FROM KIM DONG-JO. UP TO THIS POINT I COULD WORK WITH MATERIAL ALREADY IN HAND.

5. IF THIS PROCEDURE IS TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS, HOWEVER, I WILL NEED MORE AMMUNITION. I STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT WITH MICHEL, AND NIELDS TO OBTAIN ANYTHING THEY NOW HOLD IN THE WAY OF EVIDENCE WHICH I MIGHT USE. IF WE CANNOT PRODUCE ANYTHING NEW AND CONCRETE, EVEN IF IT IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL, TO CONVINCE THE KOREANS, THEN I FEAR THEY WILL PRODUCE LITTLE OF VALUE FOR US. IN ESSENCE ALL WE HAVE TOLD THE ROKG SO FAR IS THAT WE BELIEVE KIM DONG-JO TO BE GUILTY AND WE EXPECT KIM TO TELL US JUST HOW GUILTY HE IS.

6. IF I CAN MAKE THE APPROACH TO THE FORMIN OUTLINED ABOVE, AND IF I HAVE MORE EVIDENCE TO WORK WITH, I CAN WITH GOOD EFFECT BRING HOME TO HIM THE DANGER OF KIM DONG-JO'S STONEWALLING IN THE FACE OF EVIDENCE OF WRONG-DOING.

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7. FYI - KCIA SOURCES REPORT KIM DONG-JO IS QUOTE WRITING LIKE A MAD-MAN END QUOTE AND THAT THEY EXPECT THE ANSWERS TO BE READY FOR DELIVERY TO US AROUND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. END FYI.

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